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RESOLUTION NO. 79-22

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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING OHIO SENATE
BILL 215 ALLOWING OHIOANS 21 YEARS
AND OLDER TO CARRY CONCEALED
HANDGUNS WITHOUT A LICENSE AND THE
NECESSARY SAFETY TRAINING, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 215, passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed by Governor DeWine, will take effect on June 13, 2022, allowing Ohioans 21 years and older to carry concealed handguns they lawfully possess without a license and the necessary safety training; and

WHEREAS, this bill also eliminates the requirement for a concealed handgun carrier to notify a police officer that they are armed when stopped, unless asked by the officer; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Department of Health, more Ohioans died from firearms in 2021, more than almost any year on record; and

WHEREAS, researchers with the American Journal for Public Health found states with permitless carry laws were associated with an 11% increase in handgun homicide rates; and

WHEREAS, The National Bureau of Economic Researchers found states experienced about a 14% higher rate of violent crime after adopting a new concealed carry permitting system similar to Ohio's current one; and

WHEREAS, while Parma works to reduce the number of guns that lead to violent crime, the State of Ohio's deregulation of handguns will increase gun ownership and proliferation of unregulated guns in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby oppose the General Assembly's passage and Governor DeWine's signing into law Senate Bill 215, that puts Ohio citizens at risk by allowing qualifying adults to carry concealed handguns without a license and necessary safety training; and urging the Ohio General Assembly to repeal this law.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to State Representative Jeffrey A. Crossman, State Senator Nickie J. Antonio, and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this Council wants to express its opposition of Ohio Senate Bill 215, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO